

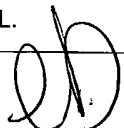


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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/615,683	Applicant(s) HATAKEYAMA ET AL.	
	Examiner Rosemary E. Ashton	Art Unit 1752	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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 - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on the phone conversation of 10/12/04.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5,7,9,12,14,17 and 19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 4,9,14 and 19 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3,5,7,12,17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/697,921.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement filed July 9, 2003 has been considered in part. No copies of the foreign documents or the non-patent literature were submitted by applicant and thus they have not been considered.

NONSTATUTORY DOUBLE PATENTING

1. The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent is shown to be commonly owned with this application. See 37 CFR 1.130(b).

Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

2. Claims 1,2,7 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 6,673,511. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because it would have been obvious to use n as 1 or 2 in formula (I) because the patent teaches n is 1-3 for formula (I).

3. Claims 1,2,7,12 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 2 of U.S. Patent No. 6,673,511. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because it would have been obvious to use n as 1 or 2 in formula (I) because the patent teaches n is 1-3 for formula (I).

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4. Claims 1,2,17 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,673,511. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because it would have been obvious to use n as 1 or 2 in formula (I) because the patent teaches n is 1-3 for formula (I).

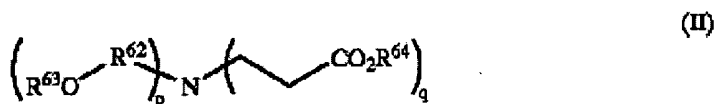
5. Claims 1,2,17 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 7 of U.S. Patent No. 6,673,511. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because it would have been obvious to use n as 1 or 2 in formula (I) because the patent teaches n is 1-3 for formula (I).

6. Claims 3 and 5 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 3 and 5, respectively, of U.S. Patent No. 6,673,511. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because claims 3 and 5 of the instant application read on "comprising" language and thus includes other reagents such as those in claims 3 and 5 of the patent. These reagents are an alkali insoluble or sparingly soluble polymer having acidic groups blocked by an acid labile group, a solvent and an acid generator which are well known and standard reagents in a positive resist composition.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 4,9,14,19 are allowed.

8. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: No prior art was found that teaches formula II in a resist composition wherein formula II has the structure:



Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rosemary E. Ashton whose telephone number is 571-272-1326. The examiner works a 6 hr. daily work schedule and can normally be reached M-F between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cynthia Kelly can be reached at 571-272-1526.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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October 12, 2004



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